

Richmond Dispatch.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1881.

Lynchburg Street-Cars Running.

[Advance of Monday.]
Yesterday, for the first time this winter, the street-cars did not run. The difficulties to surmount were not greater than those before overcome, but it was a day of rest that both men and stock needed after having braved the hardships of the whole week's severe weather, and a wise conclusion to take the benefit of it. The cars are running to-day as usual.

The house of Mr. William P. Sheldon, a New York stock-broker living in Brooklyn, was coolly entered by a thief while the family were at dinner a day or two since, and diamonds, jewelry, &c., to the value of \$5,140 were carried off. The articles were wedding presents given to Mr. Sheldon's daughter, who was married a couple of weeks since. They were stored in an upper room. Although the thief was seen in the house, he was mistaken for one of the servants. A reward of \$2,000 is offered for the recovery of the stolen goods.

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Five of six persons in the family of Samuel Crump, a prominent New York printer, have died from the ravages of diphtheria within six days at Mr. Crump's residence in Mont Clair, N. J., owing, it is said, to defective sanitary arrangements. It seems likely that all the marks of violence on the windows and doors had been inflicted from the interior of the house. Other facts brought to light, though small in themselves, strengthened the suspicion against Harland. He has been employed as a back-drafter and in driving delivery-wagons for several merchants of the city, is married, and is twenty-four years of age. The bodies staled did not belong to Mr. Sperry exclusively; he owned about \$15,000 worth and the balance belonged to the estate of his late wife, the trustee of which had left them in the safe for safekeeping, and would have distributed them among the heirs in a few days.

Large Theft of Bonds.

FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS TAKEN FROM A PRIVATE SAFE IN NEW HAVEN WITHOUT BREAKING THE LOCKS.

NEW HAVEN, January 3.—The police of this city have been busy since noon in investigating a robbery which is by far the most extensive in record to which they have been called upon to act in many years, having been called in to act in the case of the house of James Sperry, on Chapel-street, early this morning a cabinet safe in the house of James Sperry, on Chapel-street, was robbed of bonds—all of them of more than par value and many of them negotiable—the face representing \$42,000. The house was found yesterday morning to bear evidence of having been forcibly entered, but no articles appeared to have been stolen, the only thing of an unusual nature observed, with the exception of the forced doors and windows, being the absence of the key of Mr. Sperry's private writing-room, the place of which was on a mount in an adjoining room. In this private room was the safe, and the locksmith was obliged to open the door. The door having been opened, the safe was found locked, and upon a little shelf above the strong box was found the key, where it was always kept. The safe was opened, and found to have been robbed of its entire contents, a gold snuff-box and about \$100 gold and silver in addition to the bonds. Charles M. Harland, a nephew of Mr. Sperry, has for a long time passed his nights in the house. Mr. Sperry being an invalid, and many things directing suspicion toward him, he was arrested and held to answer for the theft, but refused to say anything except that he knows nothing about the robbery. The detective, upon investigating, found that he was perfectly familiar with the interior of the house and knew of the presence of valuables in the safe; that he had seen repeatedly the preceding night to Mr. Sperry of notes about the house, which Mr. Sperry was unable to hear, and that he had been very nervous and officious when the discovery of the broken doors and windows was made. There could be no question that all the marks of violence on the windows and doors had been inflicted from the interior of the house. Other facts brought to light, though small in themselves, strengthened the suspicion against Harland. He has been employed as a back-drafter and in driving delivery-wagons for several merchants of the city, is married, and is twenty-four years of age. The bodies staled did not belong to Mr. Sperry exclusively; he owned about \$15,000 worth and the balance belonged to the estate of his late wife, the trustee of which had left them in the safe for safekeeping, and would have distributed them among the heirs in a few days.

Miss Cavendish.

ALL CONTRACTS FOR THE REST OF THE SEA-SON CANCELLED.

(London American Sunday.)

This is the saddest New-Year I have passed in the course of a long experience in trying and uncertain of professions, the theatrical," said Manager McDonough, "is the American grasped him by the hand and extended the greetings of the season last evening in the Maxwell House hotel.

The American representative expressed his regrets, and remarked that he was on the point of requesting Mr. McDonough's good services in securing an interview with Miss Cavendish.

"Oh, that's impossible; Miss Cavendish is too ill; but come up to my room and tell me if I can't give you some bad news."

"The fact is," continued Mr. McDonough, "as soon as the two were comfortably seated and the cigars lighted, 'I've concluded to disband my company and cancel all contracts.' This afternoon I saw Dr. Mences, who has been attending Miss Cavendish, and here is the result," and Miss Cavendish's manager passed over the following:

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE DISPATCH.

MURDER IN TEXAS—A VIRGINIA OYSTER-SCHONER BLOWN INTO THE GULF STREAM—INJUNCTION AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY—A HORRIBLE TENEMENT-HOUSE FIRE IN NEW YORK; NINE LIVES LOST—THE MOREY-CHINESE LETTER—DARING HIGHWAYMEN ROB A TEXAS MAIL-COACH—CAPTURE OF DAKOTA INDIANS AND HORSES—RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA—SALE OF A RAILWAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA—RUSSIAN PEASANTS STARVING.

THE ICE-BLOCKADE.
A BOSTON-LINE STEAMER BREAKS THROUGH WITHOUT DAMAGE—THE WYOMING SAFE AT NORFOLK, ETC.

Social telegrams to the Dispatch!

NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—The steamship *H. Miller*, of the Boston Line, arrived this morning from Baltimore, and reports the ice eight inches thick down as far as Smith's Point. Being a heavy ship, the *Hiller* came through, breaking her way without difficulty, but running slowly. No other steamers go up the bay.

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A large fleet of steamers and sailing vessels from North Carolina for this port is frozen up in the canals.

PETERSBURG, VA., January 4.—The steamship *Wyomino* backed off at 7 o'clock this morning, arriving in Norfolk at 3 in the afternoon without damage to ship or cargo.

The scene of the dreadful holocaust, the like of which has not occurred in this city since the tenement-house fire in Cannon street more than a year ago, and the dreadfully tall Calumet about the same time, is approached through a narrow alley, hardly wide enough to allow the passage of a portly man between two tall tenements. No. 33 and 35 Madison street. In front of No. 33 is James Doyle's liquor-store; its back door opens directly upon the narrow half-way in rear of the tenement where the start was given to this morning's fire. Plumbers were busy at the foot of the stairs thawing out frozen pipes, and at some moments it was up and the inflammable material ran out. There was a blinding flash, as of an explosion, that blew in the door of the saloon, and in an instant black smoke wafted up the long staircase, impelled by the draught setting towards the open windows in the top story. The fire, finding vent through the open doors and windows of the untenantanted ground-floor of the house, had seized upon shutters, window-frames, and wooden floors of the balconies outside, felling them up like so much tissue paper, and resending upward toward the floors, where frightened men and women huddled together, afraid to venture out upon the fire-escape that seemed to lead into the very jaws of death. Eight families occupied the house, two on each floor. On the second floor the first alarm escaped through the windows. Mrs. Egan, a widow, and her four grown children—Margaret, Thomas, Joseph, and John—reached the ground in safety, having been assisted by Misses Anne, who is over eighty years old, was less fortunate. Seizing her two granddaughters—Anne, aged ten, and Kate, aged six—the strain from the fire escape, but in the fall she sprained or broke her leg, and crawled away with difficulty. On the floor above, Mr. Regan, who lived alone, escaped with his neighbors, the McKenna family, likewise by jumping. James, aged nine, Henry, aged four, and the baby were thrown through a window by Charles, their eldest brother, a lad of fifteen. The mother McKenna was sweeping in the yard when the fire broke out, and she rushed to the stairway, but was met by a solid sheet of flames, and realizing the danger of her children, roused them by shouting, before they knew of the approach of the deadly visitor. "Jump, Charles, throw them down!" the agonized mother cried and stretched out her arms to receive the tiny little bodies that rolled over the window-sills beside her brother, who measured the distance with his feet. It was more than thirty feet, and he shrank from the venture. But the smoke was already filling the room and pouring through the window. The children now cried and stretched their hands towards their mother. The baby's call for "Mama" was heard above the roar of the fire and the clamor in the street. The mother cried, "Charlie, for God's sake jump," and the boy flung the baby into her arms. The other children followed, himself leaping last. All reached the ground in safety.

On the fourth floor lived Cassidy's family and Eagan's, and in the fifth the topmost story Mrs. Ellen Sheridan was at breakfast with her four children.

The men, as in all the other families, had gone to their work. At the first alarm Mrs. Sheridan ran to the door, and seeing the half-way effectively blocked by the flames, turned to the window. The flames there met her also, and in despair she rushed for the staircase, but was overtaken by the fire, and when found dead, evidently choked before the flames reached them. The Cassidy family had attempted to escape by the roof, and also failing had reached the windows and flung themselves out. Only two of them, Charles and Thomas, boys of six and eight years of age, were left. They were suffocated, and when found their clothing was burned. Of the Eagan family there were two saved. A little girl of two years escaped by throwing herself into the yard, but Mary Eagan was badly injured in the fall, and was taken to the hospital. The whole fire was over in less time by far it takes to tell it. The yard was filled with writhing bodies of the scalded and injured women, and the pell-mell frenzied quickly laid hold and made heroic efforts to gain the upper floors, and then, with the aid of the fire escape, got them out of the burning building. They were beaten back each time, often Thomas Barrett reached the second floor on the fire escape, and assisted in the rescue of two children before he himself was compelled to jump for his life. In a half hour all was over, when the house stood to ear with the torrents of water that had flooded it. The damage to the house was estimated at \$3,000. The building is the property of Mrs. Egan, a wealthy resident of an up-town street, and was a fair type of hundreds of structures in the city in which the poor are huddled without sufficient means to escape in case of fire.

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